

# Drawing and Picture Making Class

## Drawing With Graphite Materials List

### FOR DRAWING IN PENCIL

#### Pencils

“Lead” pencils are graphite mixed with different amounts of clay and wax to achieve various hardnesses. (at least 1 or 2 of each: #6B, 4B, 2B, HB, 2H, 4H)

Pencil sharpener (choose what will work for your pencils)

Small utility knife with retractable blade (Olfa or Alvin Snap Off Blade Cutters)

Small metal handheld pencil sharpener

#### Papers

There are many good drawing papers, ranging widely in surface, quality and price. Start out by buying the Strathmore 400 Series 18” x 24” Drawing Pad. Eventually, you may want to experiment with single sheets. Here are some you might try:

- Fabriano Classico
- Rives BFK (for pencil and charcoal drawings)
- Rives Heavyweight White
- D’Arches

Sketchbook

### FOR DRAWING IN POWDERED GRAPHITE

#### Graphite Powder

Comes in a jar made by General’s among others. Applied with a chamois and stumps, and removed with a kneaded eraser.

#### Papers

For this process, you need a paper that is smooth enough to register fine detail and shifts in tone and also has enough tooth to accept the fine graphite dust. The best results are achieved by taking a piece of 140 lb. hot pressed watercolor paper and giving it a very thin coat of acrylic gesso as a ground. The gesso ground may be tinted with ink to achieve different colors or tones.

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### GENERAL ITEMS

Drawing board (at least 1 inch larger around paper size, 22 1/2 x 26")  
Drawing clips (banker clips preferred)  
Artist tape  
Portfolio case  
Tracing paper and/or Transfer paper & blue colored pencil  
Acetate to protect paper  
Erasing shield  
Knitting needles: A thin one #0, Buy 2  
View-finder  
Chamois  
Razor Blade for sharpening  
Pencil sharpener  
Sandpaper block with handle  
Assorted Erasers (Kneaded, Pink Pearl, Tuff Stuff stick, White Vinyl)  
Stumps for blending (small, medium, large)  
Holders for charcoal and pencils

NOTE: Buy pencils, papers, erasures and board to get started.  
The Graphite Materials Supply List can be discussed in class.